

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

--1. (Currently Amended) A portable telephone for executing a plurality of functions selected from hierarchically structured menus, the telephone comprising:

a plurality of execution keys for instructing execution of respective functions from the plurality of functions;

function assigning means for assigning selected ones of the plurality of functions desired to respective ones of the plurality of execution keys;

display means for displaying information;

a five-direction jog dial for movement in any of five directions, so as to perform input operations relative to the information displayed on the display means; and

function executing means for executing the function assigned to the execution key in response to one of a pressing of the execution key and a movement of the five-direction jog dial[.]

wherein the plurality of execution keys is provided near the display means; and

the display means displays a waiting screen showing short-cut icons representing the respective functions assigned to the execution keys by the function assigning means,

wherein the short-cut icons are shown on the waiting screen near the plurality of execution keys.

--2. (Cancelled)

--3. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone according to Claim 1, wherein the function assigning means assigns the function desired to the execution key regardless of a hierarchy of a menu containing the function.